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1. During January 1947 about forty members of the Barzani Kurdish tribes of Iraq are reported to have migrated to Northern Syria (the Jazirah). They are now living with Muhammad Bey Ibn Jamil Pasha, the Kurdish leader. They pay frequent and regular visits to Hasan Hajju and Muhammad Ali Ibrahim Pasha, both leading Kurds in the Jazirah.
2. It is reported that the Soviet Legation in Beirut is paying the expenses of those Barzanis who have moved to Syria. On 4 May three of the Barzanis, Munla Sa'id, Hasan Arbid, and Khalil Mamu, are said to have accompanied Dr. Ahmad Nafiz Bey (Chairman of the Kurdish Independence League in Northern Syria) to Beirut where they conferred with Soviet Minister Daniel Solod for two hours. Following the conversations with Solod the Barzanis went on to Damascus to meet Kurdish leaders there.

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